based on the theory that all lands belong to Government and when it is given for occupation some tax is payable irrespective of the fact whether some income is derived or not ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Land tax is based on that assumption.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the feudal system of land revenue is now exstinct and people have become the owner of the land ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—You ask the Government whether they admit that it is a feudal system.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know from the Government that the land revenue was levied by the old Government which was feudal and that is not feasible now when we are in a democracy ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That is not a principle on which land revenue is based.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Are the Government aware of the views of Sri T. T. Krishnamachari, Finance Minister of the Government of India in respect of this matter supporting the contention of Sri Patil ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—We are aware of the statement made. But that is not the practice prevailing in all the States.

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Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Has any exemption been given under the Agricultural Income tax recently at the time of elections ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is outside the scope of the question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 843. The concerned Minister is not here; this question will be taken up on the next meeting day. Similarly, Question No. 929 will be taken later on.

Import of Foodgrains to the State.

Q.—1022. Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of foodgrains imported into the State till the 15th of May ;

(*b*) the stock of foodgrains in each district on 15th May 1957 ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Information as to the quantities of foodgrains moved into the State through normal trade channels is not available. A quantity of 9,29,994 maunds of rice had been received in the State from the Central Government for issue through Fair Price Depots under the Price Stabilisation Scheme (from the inception of the scheme in July 1956 to 15th May 1957).

(*b*) No stocks of foodgrains are held by the State Government.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know at what price this was purchased by the Government of India ?

*Sri M. P. PATIL.—This Government has no information at what rate Government of India purchased.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know at what rate it was supplied to this Government ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—At fourteen rupees per maund.

Appointment of the Registrar of Trade Unions in the State.

Q.—1074. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that every State Government is required to establish the office of the Registrar of Trade Unions according to Section 3 of the Indian Trade Union Act ;

(*b*) whether the Government has established such an office with the necessary staff ;

(*c*) if not, the name of the officer who is discharging this work ;

(*d*) whether they would consider to appoint a Registrar of Trade Unions without further delay ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA)

(*c*) and (*d*).—In view of the reply to clause (*b*), replies to these questions do not arise.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—When was the appointment of the Registrar made ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Appointment was made under Notification No. 136 dated 1st November 1956.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—When did he actually take the charge ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, the Commissioner of Labour in Mysore at Bangalore, is the Registrar of Trade Unions under the Trade Union Act and he was appointed as such on 1st November 1956.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the Registrar was newly appointed or another officer was given charge of this work also ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, appointment was made with regard to the Labour Commissioner. There was also a notification empowering the Regional Assistant Commissioner to discharge the duties in so far as four districts were concerned.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know the number of portfolios that are entrusted to this Registrar ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—This is one and as Commissioner another and if there are any other, I will enquire and inform the member.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—I am told that this particular officer is entrusted with 9 portfolios; that is my information.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I may assure my friend that I am considering the reorganisation and trying to expand the staff also to see that the work is done speedily.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—What is the staff provided for this officer, Sir ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I am sorry, I cannot give the correct information now. But the staff will not be with regard to any particular portfolio ; it will be for the entire office.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—The Minister was pleased to say that so far as four districts were concerned, the function of the Registrar was delegated to the Assistant Commissioner. Is it not a fact that the Assistant Commissioner, Hubli Division, is also entrusted with several other Acts ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I am aware that the particular officer is doing this work and if it is the opinion of the member that it is too much, we may employ more officers.

Assault on the Jailor by the Convicts at Central Jail, Bellary.

Q.—1087. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Jailor of the Central Jail, Bellary, was assaulted by three convicts undergoing imprisonment for life on 1st March 1957;

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry or investigation was made into this and the action taken against the assailants ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Sir, I would like to make a slight correction with regard to answer to question (a). This incident took place not on 1st March 1957 but on 15th March 1957.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—Is it a fact that the Jailor had not been paid his salary for nearly 16 months ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This question does not arise.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—May I know whether the Government is in a position to state under what circumstances this incident took place ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It was entirely due to the grudge the convicts bore against the officer.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know who enquired into this incident ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The Superintendent of the Jail immediately